

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 896

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Joe S. Carr for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe S. Carr of Lascassas is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and decency; and

WHEREAS, Representative Carr is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Rutherford County, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Joe Carr distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 48th House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve three terms as their representative, and he performed admirably for them; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 106th through 108th General Assemblies, Joe Carr is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Carr rendered sterling service as Chair of the House Local Government

Subcommittee, a member of the House Government Operations Committee, and a member of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as Secretary of the House Education Committee, a member of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, and Vice Chair of the House Education Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in office, Representative Carr was a strong proponent of fighting against illegal immigration; his leadership on this issue resulted in Tennessee enacting the toughest illegal immigration laws in the country; and

WHEREAS, a leader of conservative principles, Representative Carr championed free enterprise reforms to help create jobs, promote small businesses, and create a better environment in which Tennesseans can raise their families; and

WHEREAS, Representative Carr also led the charge to eliminate the death tax and crafted the captive insurance bill; his legislative accomplishments helped Tennessee become the 4th most business friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Representative Carr is somewhat of a Renaissance man, as he proclaims pilot, business owner, and farmer as his professions; he and his wife, Ginny, own Cedar Snag Farms, a 95-acre farm in Lascassas, near Murfreesboro in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and completed 60-plus hours of graduate work at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he donates his time and energies as a member of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, National Rifle Association, National Right to Life, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, Middle Tennessee Business Future 50, Murfreesboro Lions Club, Blue Raider Athletic Association, Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a state representative, Joe Carr has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, having proved himself to be a thoughtful and dedicated leader, Representative Carr is eager to offer himself for public service in a new capacity and is seeking the office of U.S. senator from Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Joe Carr is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Ginny, children, Erin, Maddie, and Joe, Jr., and grandson, Colby; and

WHEREAS, Representative Joe Carr is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Joe S. Carr for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service to the citizens of the 48th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.